

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claim 1, cancel claims 3, 5, and 6, and add new claim 20. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A seal device comprising:

a seal body comprising a data carrier ~~including a data transmission and an antenna~~ device, the data carrier being designed as a switching circuit; and

an attachment device for the captive attachment of the seal body to an object to be sealed, one end of the attachment device being connected in a single piece with the seal body and another end of the attachment device comprising a joining device for joining to a connection device provided on the seal body;

the switching circuit of the seal body including an external circuit bridge lead through the attachment device for connecting two connection points of the switching circuit ~~lead through the attachment device; the external circuit bridge being an open or closed circuit depending on whether the attachment device is joined to the connection device;~~

~~the switching circuit further including an antenna device arranged in the seal body; the antenna device being used both as a data transmission device and as a connection to an external energy supply device operable to supply energy in a non-contact manner from outside the seal body to the switching circuit and to provide non-contact transmission of data from the switching circuit regardless of whether the external circuit bridge is an open or closed circuit the antenna device being parallel connected to the external circuit bridge.~~

2. (Original) The seal device according to claim 1, wherein the switching circuit comprises an integrated circuit, and the external circuit bridge comprises a wire-shaped conductor.
- 3-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The seal device according to claim 1, wherein the external circuit bridge is connected in series with a second antenna device, the external circuit bridge being formed from a section of a winding of the second antenna device.
9. (Original) The seal device according to claim 8, wherein the external circuit bridge is formed from a section of a winding of the second antenna device.
10. (Original) The seal device according to claim 1, wherein the joining device on the attachment device and the connection device on the seal body form a contact device designed as a snap-in connection device.
11. (Original) The seal device according to claim 1, wherein the contact device is constructed as a non-separable connection.
12. (Original) The seal device according to claim 10, wherein the contact device is a one-time joining device.
13. (Original) The seal device according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the joining device and the connection device comprises a deformation part.
14. (Original) The seal device according to claim 1, wherein the attachment device is constructed as a wire conductor.
15. (Original) The seal device according to claim 1, wherein the attachment device is made from a single-piece extension of the seal body.
16. (Original) The seal device of claim 15, wherein the attachment device comprises a circuit bridge that is formed from a conductive plastic.
17. (Original) The seal device according to claim 14, wherein in order to form the circuit bridge the attachment device comprises a multitude of electrically conductive fibers.

18. (Original) The seal device according to claim 15, wherein in order to form the circuit bridge the attachment device comprises a multitude of electrically conductive fibers.
19. (Original) The seal device according to claim 16, wherein in order to form the circuit bridge the attachment device comprises a multitude of electrically conductive fibers.
20. (New) The seal device of claim 8, wherein the external circuit bridge and the second antenna device are connected in parallel to the antenna device.